

PHARMACY CRICKET

City vs Country - Camden April 2005

The historic Camden Park Estate and the Camden Valley Inn were the venues for the postponed match between the 'Country' boys from Wagga and Albury and the 'City' team.



The teams, umpires & the 'Shield', Camden Park Estate Ground

The pre-match dinner at the Camden Valley Inn saw Country Captain and Albury Pharmacist Ben Brndusic presented with a Bradman Bear & miniature Bat to celebrate the birth of his son Drew. Ben was also presented with a small soft toy Duck to acknowledge his effort for NSW against Victoria in January. Likewise Ravi Alluri was presented with a similar Duck for his effort for NSW against Queensland in March. The birth of City captain David Sidgreaves son Harry was recognised with a Bradman Museum Bear & miniature Bat.

Peter Mikhail, NSW Captain against Queensland, having achieved the unique achievement of 7 wickets for 28 (the last 4 wickets off 9 balls), 22 not out and Player of the Match Award was presented with the actual 'Ball' used mounted and suitably inscribed together with a photo of his return to the pavilion after his unique bowling feat. This is first time any bowler has taken 7 wickets in an innings in the history of Pharmacy Cricket.

Pharmacy Cricket Membership Certificates were presented to James Douglas (City) and Glenn Harper (Country). All present enjoyed a great dinner with lots of fun and good fellowship. It was pleasing to note the presence of the donor of the 'Sidgreaves Shield' and father of David, Mr Bryan Sidgreaves. It was pleasing to note the presence of NSW Guild President Si Banks, his wife Barbara and Pfizer representative Graham Perl amongst the guests.

Sunday the 3rd of April, the day of the match, announced its presence with a heavy fog. Not as you might expect a foreboding start to the day, rather the promise of a good day with clear skies.



Bryan Sidgreaves (The donor of the 'Sidgreaves Shield') about to make the presentation to the captain of the winning team

The Camden Park Estate ground is found off the beaten track in a delightful rural bush setting. A picturesque picture postcard ground with a new and well-designed pavilion.

Having won the toss and inspected the pitch Country Captain Ben Brndusic decided to offer the City team the

opportunity to bat first. Opening bowlers Glenn Harper and particularly Sam Brndusic soon showed why Country decided to bowl. The ball was bouncing unevenly and some were rising up to chest high. Opener Peter Mikhail was the first to be dismissed. City 1 for 7 in the second over. Enter Tim Sidgreaves, who set about playing one of the best defensive innings we have seen. Tim displayed great skill in keeping the aggressive bowling at bay. Tim was required to retire not out on 51. The other opener Ravi Alluri playing carefully was dismissed in the 10th over. City 2 for 22. Then a procession of batsmen, resulting with the score 5 for 43 until Andrew Douglas entered the scene. Andrew was out caught for a duck, however as there was a 'you cannot be out for 0 rule', then set about showing that the bowling held no fears for him, with 7 fours and two sixes in his innings of 47. The fielding of the Country team was outstanding, with fantastic catches by Michael O'Reilly, Sam Brndusic and wicketkeeper Mark White. In all 7, dismissals by



Peter Mikhail (The NSW Captain for the NSW V QLD match) being presented with the ball from the match NSW v Queensland when he took 7 wickets for 28. The last 4 wickets off 9 balls. Greg Hodgson Pharmacy Cricket President is making the presentation

Country opened their innings with Mark White and Josh Litchfield. Josh showed no respect for the bowling of Steve Thompson and Andrew Douglas hitting 5 fours and one 6 in his swashbuckling innings of 33. Andrew Douglas had his revenge by bowling Josh. Country 1 for 45. Jason Luu played well for his 24 (Three fours), Mark White having held the innings together, was dismissed bowled by Anthony BouAntoun for 22. The score, 3 for 91. Andrew Crichton remained not out on 18 playing a sedate innings, as distinct to Ben Glascott who hit five 4's in his 22 before being bowled by Steve Thompson. Country final score 6 for 147.

The first and well deserved victory by Country, who now holds the 'Sidgreaves Shield'. The Shield, presented to the winning Captain Ben Brndusic by Mr Bryan Sidgreaves the donor of the Shield. The 'Player of the Match' was awarded to Mark White (Country), the "Best Batting Award" to Tim Sidgreaves (City) and the 'Best Bowling Award' to Trent Seaman. In the absence of Greg Hodgson, who had to leave at lunchtime due to illness, Paul Mahoney spoke, thanked and congratulated the winning captain and both teams for an excellent match played with great spirit.



Greg Hodgson presenting the Duck to Ben Brndusic for his effort for NSW vs Victoria in Melbourne in March

Your cricket observer.